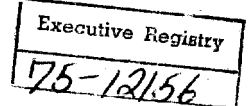


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The Editor  
The Washington Post  
1150 15th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Washington Post, as well as other media, recently speculated as to the identity of the former Central Intelligence Agency officer who sought to have the Senate Select Committee delete his name from the Committee's assassination report. The President, Judge Gerhard A. Gesell and I all found that there is a real possibility of physical harm to this man or to his family if his name were revealed. Indeed, the Senate Select Committee finally agreed to delete his name from the report.

I have great difficulty in understanding what legitimate purpose was served by the published speculation concerning the identity, right or wrong, of an individual whose physical safety is thus endangered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. E. Colby".

W. E. Colby  
Director

